



St Peter Chanel & St Joseph Berala

Streams of living water will flow from within. ~John 7:38

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Weekday Mass: Tuesday-Friday 6.45am Saturday 8.00am

Weekday Confession: Tuesday-Friday 7.15am-7.45am

Weekend Mass: Saturday 5.00pm Vigil - LiveStreamed, Sunday 8.00am & 10.00am

Weekend Holy Hour & Reconciliation: Saturday 8.30am - 9.30am

For Baptisms, Weddings, Bible Study and Catholic Enquiry, please contact Fr Josh or the parish office on 9644 7787.



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

24 September 2023

From the Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters,

What part of the mass is your favourite (Ava, 6C, SPC)

That's a very hard questions to answer Ava: the Mass is so rich with different ancient words and actions through which the Holy Spirit touches our hearts. One part which always moves me is when I hold up the host before everyone saying "This is my body given up for you". It's deeply moving each time because God, the creator and master of everything, who owes us nothing, is giving himself totally, as God and as man, to us and for us, simply because he loves us, and because he would do anything, even give his own life, to help us. This act of God at the Mass is the perfect model of true love, which helps me do the same for him and everyone else the rest of the day. How lucky Christians are to have a God who only ever gives himself to them for love of them!

Be wary of scammers

Some people have been receiving text messages purporting to be from me: I will not send you messages asking you to contact me urgently or asking for money, either from myself or the parish - if they are not from my phone number, they are not from me. Please delete them as spam and don't respond to them.

Please ask before placing promotional material in the church

Over the weekend somebody placed Yes23 pamphlets in the church without asking. Our church belongs to our parish, which is all of us, and this means we can't, even for the best of motives, use it for projects we personally believe are important without consulting the others. Please come and talk to me first before placing any materials in the church.

Scaffolding

You have seen scaffolding placed around the church for the roof work: please help us ensure our young ones stay safe by ensuring they keep their distance from it. Thank you.

Yours in Our Lord,

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Mass Intentions

Sick: Graham Turner, Aurora Flores, Giovanni Simeone, Marilyn Tangonan, Tony Rodrigues, Jane Aquino, Josephine Laing, Ana Lisica, Rob McDonell, Marco Titus Sastre, Sigsy Tan, Blue Tan, Richard Langford, Patricia Browne, Chloe Scharenguivel, Ben Lim

Recently Deceased: Rona Thorpe, Ben Lim

Deceased: Alice Lou

Anniversary: Angel Enriquez Sr, Galicano Rojas, Roque Quinoy

Special Intention: Marija Perica

Other Intentions: Holy souls in purgatory.

Deceased Members & Friends of: Leonardi & Deromedi Families



Caritas Australia's Emergency Appeals – Morocco / Libya

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance.

Please support **Caritas Australia's** emergency appeals. Donate at www.caritas.org.au

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**A message from the
 Archdiocese of Sydney**
 Child sexual abuse is a
 crime. The appropriate
 people to deal with a
 crime are the police. If
 you—or anyone you

know - have been abused, please
 contact the police. Alternatively, you
 can contact the Safeguarding and
 Ministerial Integrity Office at 02 9390
 5810 or you may also want to speak wot
 your Parish Priest who will be able to
 provide support and guidance. The
 Archdiocese has a legal obligation to
 report crimes to the police.

Parish Diary This Week

Mon 25/9	No Mass.
Tue 26/9	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Wed 27/9	St Vincent de Paul (Memorial) 6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Thu 28/9	6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession 7.00pm RCIA
Fri 29/9	Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael (Feast) 6.45am Mass 7.15am-7.45am Confession
Sat 30/9	St Jerome (Memorial) 8.00am Mass 8.30am Rosary, Confession 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 1/10	8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass

1 OCTOBER 2023**26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Bob KENSEY	Charlie Scully	Dom PANGILINAN
MUSIC & SINGING	PARISH CHOIR	Damian LAWRENCE	SALT ENLIGHT
POWERPOINT	Parish Choir	Need Volunteer	Brewty Family
LECTOR/S	Mai NGUYEN	Michael CHOW	Phirum DUCH
	Joy SKERRITT	Maris MARSH	Katrina YIP
CHURCH SHOP	Joseph LAHOUD	Jenny MICHAEL	Margaret THAM

Cleaners SPC: Uisa Family**Altar & Sacristy:** Group 4 Anna Manganaro, Veronica Zaitseff**Saturday 8AM****30 SEPTEMBER**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Rosalind EVANS

8 OCTOBER 2023**27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Mass	VIGIL	8AM	10AM
ACOLYTE	Charlie SCULLY	Robert MCGINN	Roland JAVIER
MUSIC & SINGING	N/A	Cyril EDWARDS Liva FUNAKI & Lavinia FIFITA	SACRED HEART CHOIR
POWERPOINT	Need Volunteer	Liva or Lavinia	Sacred Heart Choir
LECTOR/S	Amanda DOWDELL	Jenny MICHAEL	Ibrahim MATAR
	Noeline DONNELLAN	Maria SIMEONE	Rosalind EVANS
CHURCH SHOP	Anita YIP	Catherine MCGINN	Alan THAM

Cleaners SPC: Marian Rosary Group**Altar & Sacristy:** Group 1 Gwen Bergstedt; Anita Yip**Saturday 8AM****7 OCTOBER**

LECTOR FOR MASS

Christine KENSEY

"Family that pray together stay together"**Pilgrim Statue**

This week at

Kensey & Olie Families

To host the Pilgrim Statue and Rosary prayer
 please contact Mona on 9709 8701 / 0417 282 603
 or Phil Lopez on 9646 1756.

Antiphons & Readings

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading (Isaiah 55:6-9)

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.'

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18) The Lord is near to all who call him.

Second Reading (Philippians 1:20-24. 27)

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation (See Acts of the Apostles 16:14)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 20:1-16)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

Communion Antiphon (Psalm 118:4-5)

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Next week's Readings:

1st Reading: **Ezekiel 18:25-28**

2nd Reading: **Philippians 2:1-11**

Gospel: **Matthew 21:28-32**

Feasts & Memorials of the Week

Wednesday, 27 September - St Vincent de Paul (Memorial)



Born in Gascony (France) in 1581. Died in Paris on this day in 1660. A parish priest who worked for the apostolic renewal of the clergy, founding the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians or Lazarists) for missionary work in rural areas and for the formation of clergy. Committed above all to the oppressed and disadvantaged, he founded the Daughters of Charity with Louise de Marillac

to work with the needy. Remembered especially for his practical concern for the poor and the sick. **Mass of Feast at 6.45am.**

Friday, 29 September - Sts Matthew, Gabriel & Raphael (Feast)



The cult of Michael, Gabriel and Raphael began in the East. In the West, this day first marked the dedication of a fifth century church of Saint Michael in Rome. This festival of Michaelmas came to be very popular and widely celebrated in medieval Europe. Raphael and Gabriel were

added to the Roman calendar in the twentieth century, and the three are now celebrated together. In the Scriptures (for example, Revelation 12:7-9, Luke 1:26-38, Tobit 3:16-25), each of the three angels is named as a messenger of God, entrusted with special divine missions on earth. **Mass of Feast at 6.45am.**



Saturday, 30 September - St Jerome (Memorial)

Born about 340 at Strido on the Adriatic coast. Died in Bethlehem on this day in 420. Baptised in Rome while studying the classics, became a hermit in Syria for a time and was ordained a priest. Later retained as papal secretary by Saint Damasus (11 December). Began work on a new Latin translation of the Bible, known as the Vulgate. Finally settling in Bethlehem where he founded monasteries, he devoted himself to studying the Scriptures, writing, and teaching. Often irascible and intolerant, he is remembered for his asceticism and scholarship and, above all, for his incomparable service to the word of God. **Mass of Feast at 8.00am**



BARM

Berala Association of Rosary Makers

I am excited to invite you to join a group of parents where you will find friendship, community and an opportunity to make a positive impact on the lives of others.

Our Rosary bead making group is not just about crafting beautiful rosary beads: it's about coming together as community to create something meaningful and to extend our ministry to those in need.

Here's what you can expect:

FRIENDSHIP

Connect with fellow parents in a warm and welcoming environment.

COMMUNITY

You become part of a community dedicated to making a positive difference.

MINISTRY TO THOSE IN NEED

The rosary beads you create will be donated to those less fortunate.

COFFEE AND CAKE

Join us for a delightful session of coffee and cake. It's a chance to relax, chat and enjoy some delicious treats.

No prior crafting experience is necessary and all supplies are provided.

Your presence will make this ministry truly special. Together, we can create not only beautiful rosary beads but also a sense of unity and purpose within our school/parish community.

Come along and see and let us share this enriching experience together.

WHEN: Thursday, September 28th (always the last Thursday of each month)

TIME: 10.30am to 12 noon

WHERE: St Peter Chanel Parish Hall

For all enquiries please email Jenny Michael.
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Let all that you do be done in Christ

Virtuous Man: Men's Silent Retreat

The Sydney Vocations Centre is holding organising a **Silent Retreat for Men from 20-22 October 2023 at St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park**. The retreat will allow participants to come away and grow in love for our Lord and kindle their desire to give Him glory by their way of living.

For more information and to register, please visit <https://vocationcentre.org.au/events/mens-silent-retreat-2023/>

Life, Marriage and Family Sunday

All families are invited to come to 10:30 Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday the 22 October, with an opportunity for renewal of marital promises and a special blessing for families. Join us after Mass at the Cathedral Hall to witness and celebrate couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. Registrations are essential to receive a certificate.

RSVP by no later than 6 October at <http://www.trybooking.com/CJTNF>

You Are Not Alone Retreat Day

"You are not alone" is a retreat day for couples who are struggling or have been unable to have children due to infertility, miscarriage or stillbirth. It will be held on the 7th of October 2023 at the Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, Mulgoa and will include meals, talks, prayer, reflection, and sharing. The Emmanuel Community will facilitate the retreat with the support of the Life Marriage and Family Team. Due to the sensitive nature of this experience, spaces will be limited. RSVP by the 2nd of October at <http://www.trybooking.com/CKWXP>



NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH SCHOOL

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CHRISTMAS ART COMPETITION

Over the past month, the year 5 and year 6 students from St Joseph the Worker have been working hard on their Christmas art masterpieces for the Sydney Catholic Schools Christmas Story project.

The students have created a personal reflection in the form of an artwork, based on either the Gospels of Luke, Matthew and John or from Isaiah.

Well done to the 6 students from Years 5 and 6 who will represent STJW in the competition.

STJW THE BEST KEPT SECRET



News from your parish school

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Last week ten of our students who are part of the select Archdiocesan Jubilate Deo Choir joined with students from St Jerome, Punchbowl, and Brigidine College, Randwick, to lead mid-morning prayer at the annual Pastor Principal Meeting. They sang beautifully and represented our school so well!




Just for Laughs

The waiter asked if I wanted a box for my leftovers, but I told him I'm not into fighting.